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AND OTHER TDB ISSUES

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1. EMBOFF RAISED ISSUES REGARDING UNCTAD COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS (REFTEL) WITH MINCOMMERCE JOINT SECRETARY S.P. SHUKLA IN EARLY SEPTEMBER AND FOUND THAT GOI HAD NOT YET BEGUN TO DEVELOP ITS POSITION. IN FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION SEPTEMBER 28, SHUKLA -- WHO WILL BE ATTENDING TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TDB) MEETING NEXT MONTH -- MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS AND OTHER ITEMS TO BE TAKEN UP BY TDB.

2. ROLE OF EXISTING COMMODITY BODIES: SHUKLA FELT UNCTAD IV RESOLUTION WAS DEFINITIVE IN ASCRIBING TO SECRETARY GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ORGANIZING CONSULTATIONS. HE WAS REQUIRED TO DO THIS "IN CONSULTATION WITH" EXISTING BODIES, BUT THAT PUT THEM IN SECONDARY, CONTRIBUTORY ROLE. ONLY EXCEPTION TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNCTAD'S ROLE AS FORUM FOR COMMODITY WORK, IN SHUKLA'S

VIEW, WAS SWITCH TO EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS (E.G., COFFEE) SHOULD CONSULTATIONS LEAD TO NEGOTIATIONS.

3. SHUKLA NOTED THAT, IN CASE OF JUTE, FAO INTER-GOVERNMENTAL GROUP WOULD MEET IN ROME IMMEDIATELY BEFORE GENEVA CONSULTATIONS AND ADEQUATE CONTRIBUTION OF FAO TO CONSULTATIONS THUS SEEMED ASSURED. HE MENTIONED IN PASSING THAT JUTE PRODUCERS WOULD HOLD REGIONAL MEETING IN DACCA EARLIER IN MONTH UNDER UNCTAD AND ESCAP SUSPICES.

4. PARTICIPATIONS: SHUKLA AGREED WITH SUBSTANCE OF US ARGUMENTS REGARDING BENEFITS OF LIMITING PARTICIPATION IN CONSULTATIONS TO INTERESTED PARTIES. ANY EFFORT TO MAKE SUCH A RESTRICTION EXPLICIT, HOWEVER, WOULD CAUSE MAJOR FIGHT AT TDB AND WAS DOOMED TO FAILURE IN GOI'S VIEW. IT WOULD BE WISEST TO LET MATTER DROP, SHUKLA FELT, SINCE ONLY INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS WOULD MAKE EFFORT TO ATTEND CONSULTATIONS GIVEN LACK OF MANPOWER TO ATTEND LARGE NUMBER OF SCHEDULED INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS.

5. COORDINATING COMMITTEE: SHUKLA AGREED THAT COORDINATING COMMITTEE SHOULD BE FORUM FOR SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF BROAD ISSUES FACING COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS, INCLUDING SCHEDULING AND COORDINATION WITH EXISTING BODIES. HE ALSO EXPECTED COMMITTEE TO ASSURE THAT CONSULTATIONS WERE WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF GOALS OF INTEGRATED PROGRAM.

6. SHIFT OF DATES FOR COORDINATING COMMITTEE SESSION TO WEEK IMMEDIATELY AFTER TDB WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE FROM GOI POINT OF VIEW BECAUSE IT WOULD THEN COINCIDE WITH JUTE CONSULTATIONS WHICH OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO INDIANS.

7. COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION: SHUKLA THEN RAISED SUBJECT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH IS ALSO ON TDB AGENDA. HE THOUGHT THIS WAS ISSUE ON WHICH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOME PROGRESS COULD BE MADE AND WHICH WOULD NOT INVOLVE CONFLICT BETWEEN G-77 AND GROUP B. HE URGED THAT US CONTRIBUTE TO DRAWING UP GOOD TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR NEW COMMITTEE. TO EMBOFF'S PERSONAL COMMENT THAT THEME OF "COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" SEEMED AT TIMES TO TAKE ON CONFRONTATIONALIST TONE OR WAS PRESENTED AS ALTERNATIVE TO NORTH/SOUTH TIES, SHUKLA REPEATED INDIAN VIEW THAT TOPIC RATHER

LEAD TO FOSTERING OF GENERAL INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION,
AS IN AREA OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.

8. INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE: ASKED WHAT OTHER MAJOR
ISSUES GOI SAW FOR TDB, SHUKLA BRIEFLY MENTIONED
DEBATE OVER FUTURE INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES OF UNCTAD.
GOI, HE SAID, WAS DISINCLINED TO CHANGE UNCTAD
CHARTER IN EFFORT TO IMPROVE ITS STANDING. HE
THOUGHT WORK ON INTEGRATED PROGRAM AND OTHER ACTIVI-
TIES PROVIDED PRACTICAL OPPORTUNITY TO SEE WHETHER
UNCTAD COULD PLAY USEFUL INTERNATIONAL ROLE. IF
IT FAILED, GOAL COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED BY MERE CHANGE
IN TERMS OF REFERENCE.
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